Samaj Kalyan Chetna Parva Year

1060. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had observed 1998-99 as Samaj Kalyan Chetna Parva Year—awareness to general social issues and development programmes concerning women and children; and

(b) if so, the achievements in the field and what steps have been prpoosed for giving protection to women in urban and rural areas who are made victims of rape?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Central Social Welfare Board is observing the year 1999 as "Samaj Kalyan Chetna Parva" to create awareness in society on important social issues. The awareness campaign is being taken up throughout the country through State Social Welfare Advisory Boards on themes including violence against women, problems of working women, economic empowerment of women, family problems, health, nutrition etc.

Funds for building girls hostels

1061. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that separate funds for building girls hostels have been kept;

(b) if so, the details of amount allotted to each State;

(c) whether the scheme is to be implemented through voluntary organisations or through other agencies; and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Strengthening of Boarding and Hostel facilities for girls of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools, which does not provide for building/construction of the hostel as of now. The amount under the scheme has not been allotted State-wise. The scheme is

implemented through voluntary organisations, societies, public trust and non-profit-making bodies. It is an ongoing scheme under the 9th Plan.

Slow investigation against KVS Officials

†1062 SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a newsitem published in Rashtriya Sahara (New Delhi Edition) of 23rd June, 1999 under the caption, Kachua Chaal se Chal Rahi Hai Janch Daagi Afsaron Ki;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any inquiry has been started against some more officers of the Sangathan by Central Bureau of Investigation in the meanwhile; and

(d) if so, the details in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the 49 cases referred to in the news item appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated 23.6.99, 34 cases were dropped as the complaints have been found baseless and 2 cases are pending in the court. Suitable disciplinary/administrative action have been taken in respect of 4 complaints and 9 cases are under investigation.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected.

Change in the Syllabus of CBSE Class XII

1063. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that syllabus for various subjects for CBSE Class XII has been changed with effect from next academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.